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1. IN THAT SECTION OF HIS RECENT SPEECH TO PARLIAMENT
DEVOTED TO DISARMAMENT, FONMIN P.J. PATTERSON JUSTIFIED
THE GOJ'S STRONG SUPPORT FOR GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT
AS REFLECTED BY ITS PARTICIPATION AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL
IN THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT. IN THE GOJ'S
VIEW, THE ENTIRE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BUT IN PARTICULAR
DEVELOPING NATIONS HAVE A VITAL INTEREST IN HALTING THE
INTERNATIONAL ARMS RACE. APART FROM THE RISKS OF DESTRUCTION
OR EXTINCTION INHERENT IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS, MINISTER PATTERSON
DREW THE ATTENTION OF PARLIAMENT TO THE LINK BETWEEN DETENTE
AND DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER NOTED THAT LITTLE IMAGINATION
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WAS REQUIRED TO DEVISE CONSTRUCTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE
"\$400 BILLION PER ANNUM, AND THE ESTIMATED 400,000 SCIENTISTS
AND ENGINEERS WHO USE ONE-HALF OF ALL THE FUNDS DEVOTED
TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
RESEARCH ON WEAPONS AND MEANS OF DESTRUCTION." HE LABELED
A "PERVERSION" THAT THESE RESOURCES WERE NOT USED
INSTEAD TO REMEDY ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND FOR THE

DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES.
PATTERSON INFORMED PARLIAMENT THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL
PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED BY THE UNITED NATIONS TO DISCHARGE
ARMS PRODUCTION AND THE REDIRECTION OF RESOURCES TOWARD ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT IN THE THIRD WORLD. HE CITED THE PROPOSALS
FOR (A) A TAX LEVY ON ARMS SALES; (B) A 10 PERCENT REDUCTION
IN MILITARY BUDGETS OF THE TWO MAJOR NUCLEAR POWERS
WITH RESULTING SAVINGS CHanneled TO FOREIGN ASSISTANCE;
(C) A VOLUNTARY INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT.
THE GOJ IS SUPPORTING AN EXPERT STUDY OF THE VARIOUS
PROPOSALS TO IMPLEMENT THE LINKAGE BETWEEN DISARMAMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT. THE FONMIN EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRIMARY
OBJECTIVE REMAINS COMPLETE DISARMAMENT AND CAUTIONED PROPOSAL
EVALUATORS LEST ANY LINK MADE BETWEEN DETENTE AND DEVELOPMENT
CONTRIBUTE TO A VESTED INTEREST IN THE ARMS INDUSTRY.
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